§ 101-26.102 Special buying services.

§101-26.102-1 General.

The special buying services of GSA are performed through the GSA special order program (SOP). The SOP allows an agency to obtain items not included in either the GSA stock or Federal Supply Schedule program. All executive agencies within the United States (including Hawaii and Alaska), in order to maximize the use of the Government's centralized supply system, shall request SOP items by submitting requisitions for GSA centrally managed items to GSA. GSA will process all requisitions for SOP items, regardless of total line item value, from activities electing to purchase from GSA. If an agency determines that alternative sources are more favorable, procurement from other sources is authorized: Provided, that the dollar thresholds and criteria outlined in §101-26.301(b)(1) through (3) are followed.

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§ 101-26.102-2 Utilization by military agencies.

Military activities shall utilize the buying services of GSA when:

- (a) GSA has agreed with the Secretary of Defense, or with the Secretary of a military department in connection with the requirements of that department, to perform such buying services; and
- (b) The items involved are not properly obtainable from GSA stock or Federal Supply Schedules.

[29 FR 15610, Nov. 20, 1964, as amended at 36 FR 17423, Aug. 31, 1971]

§101-26.102-3 Procurement leadtime.

When GSA performs the purchasing services for other agencies or activities as contemplated by this §101–26.102–3, calculation of the delivery dates required for the items involved must be based on the procurement leadtimes illustrated in the GSA publication, FEDSTRIP Operating Guide. These leadtimes are based on the normal time required after receipt of agency requisitions by GSA to effect delivery to destinations within the 50 States.

(a) Time required to obtain any additional essential information from the

requisitioning office for use in issuing a solicitation for bids or offers is not included in the leadtimes.

- (b) If unusually large quantities or complex items are required, leadtime adjustments should be made to reflect the specfic requirement. As an example, standard furniture items can usually be delivered in less than 90 days after receipt of the requisition. However, for large quantity or complex orders requiring a definite quantity procurement, delivery times may range from 4 to 6 months. Footnotes relating to classes where this is a frequent occurence are shown in the procurement leadtime table illustrated in the FEDSTRIP Operating Guide.
- (c) The procurement leadtime table illustrated in the FEDSTRIP Operating Guide does not apply to public exigency or other high priority requisitions; however, it should be used as a guide to establish realistic required delivery dates for such requisitions.

[32 FR 17939, Dec. 15, 1967, as amended at 40 FR 41093, Sept. 5, 1975; 57 FR 3949, Feb. 3, 1992]

§101-26.102-4 Payment to GSA contractors.

Policies and procedures covering payment to GSA contractors for supplies and services furnished by GSA to Government agencies are in subpart 101-21

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§ 101-26.103 Establishing essentiality of requirements.

§ 101-26.103-1 Policy for personal property.

To obtain maximum benefit from Government funds available for procurement of personal property, each executive agency shall:

- (a) Insure that personal property currently on hand is being utilized to the fullest extent practical and provide supporting justification prior to effecting new procurement for similar type property. (When the proposed procurement is for similar items from non-GSA sources, the provisions of §101–26.100–2 apply.)
- (b) Procure the minimum quantity and quality of property which is required to support the mission of the